Programme syllabus

Master's Programme, Transport Systems, 120 credits
Masterprogram, transportsystem

120.0 credits

Valid for students admitted to the education from autumn 08 (HT - Autumn term; VT - Spring term).

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, programme syllabus.

Programme objectives

A well-functioning transport system is a necessary condition for most human activities. It creates opportunities for the organisation of people’s daily life as well as for the economic activities in our societies. Historically, the development of the transport systems has been extremely important for the economic development and the increased welfare. However, transport is an activity that also threatens welfare in several respects. It is connected with serious safety, health and environmental problems.

Increasing demand for mobility of goods and people puts pressure on the transport systems for expansion that must be balanced against these negative effects including the issue of global warming. The challenge for the future is to bring about a more sustainable transport system.

Knowledge and understanding

The programme aims to give the student a qualified specialist’s education in analysis, planning, assessment, design and control of transport systems at different spatial levels with an emphasis on urban transport systems and their interaction with city and regional planning and development.

Skills and abilities

The student should acquire a qualified training in solving complex problems and in producing decision support for transport policy decisions.

Ability to make judgements and adopt a standpoint

The student should acquire a systems view of thinking and a critical understanding of the subject area’s tools of analysis and modelling and of its methodological and scientific issues.

Extent and content of the programme

The duration of the programme is two years which correspond to 120 higher education level: three semesters of course work (90 credits) and one semester (30 credits) of Master's project.

The education is at the advanced level. The literature and all other course material are in English, which also is the teaching language. There are presently no specialisations.

Eligibility and selection

General admission requirements
Specific admission requirements

The specific requirements may be assessed as not fulfilled if

1. the average grade is in the lower third on the grading scale used (above pass level)
2. the degree awarding institution is not considered to meet acceptable quality standards by the authorities of the country in which the institution is located
3. the degree does not qualify for admission to equivalent Master level in the country where the degree is awarded

The selection process for Transport Systems is based on a total evaluation of the following selection criteria: university, GPA, course work related to the programme (mathematics, statistics, computer science, transport, economics), degree project, working experiences and references.

Implementation of the education

Structure of the education

The Academic year in Sweden consists of an autumn and a spring term.

The academic year covers 40 weeks, starting in September divided into two terms, which each consists of two study periods (KTH-Handbook 2, Flap 4.2). Each study period concludes with a regular examination period of at least one week.

Courses

The programme is course-based. Lists of courses are included in appendix 1.

The programme starts with four compulsory courses that should provide fundamental knowledge about the transport system, its role in society, how it may be studied, evaluated and planned in order to fulfill transport policy goals.

During the next two terms, eight courses are to be studied that will deepen the theoretical understanding and analytical skills by introducing more advanced modeling tools and applying them to various complex transport policy issues.

The first course during each of these terms is compulsory. The remaining six courses can be selected from the conditionally elective courses in Appendix 1. A maximum of two conditionally elective courses may be selected from other relevant master’s programme courses available at KTH. The final term is devoted to the writing of a compulsory Degree Project.

Grading system

Courses in the first and the second cycle are graded on a scale from A to F. A-E are passing grades, A is the highest grade. The grades pass (P) and fail (F) are used for courses under certain circumstances.

Conditions for participation in the programme

To be enrolled in the programme, you must be duly accepted into the programme with a valid admission letter issued by KTH Central Admissions Office. You must also pay your Student Union dues at the start of each semester in order to enrol in the programme. In addition to signing in as course participant at the beginning of a course and attending lectures, participation in class exercises and projects is a compulsory part of enrolling in any course.
For studies in study year 2: At least 45 higher education credits from study year 1 must be completed by the exam period in August. Students which have not fulfilled this requirement must set up an individual study plan. The main goal with the study plan is that the student should complete the remaining courses during the next study year. In the study plan, the remaining elements and also suitable courses from the next study year are included. Special regard should be taken to the courses prerequisites.

Recognition of previous academic studies

The Royal Institute of Technology has a policy for recognising previous academic studies. The decision on recognising documented results from similar education at other universities is taken by the vice dean of education at the School of Architecture and the Build Environment upon application by the student.

Studies abroad

It is presently not possible for Master’s students at the School of Architecture and the Build Environment to exchange semester one, two or three for studies abroad.

Degree project

The Degree Project (30 credits) is compulsory in order to apply for a Master Degree at KTH. Students attending the Master’s Programme in Transport Systems can choose between the Master’s Projects listed in Appendix 1. The prerequisite for starting the degree project is completed courses corresponding to 60 credits.

Degree

Students who have successfully completed the programme will be awarded a "Teknologimasterexamen", translated into English as "Degree of Master of Science (two years)".

The student must apply for the degree certificate. Before application all courses should be completed and reported. Documents to hand in to the Masters administrator are: 1) The application form; 2) A copy of student union card, copy of receipts or a certificate from the student union office; 3) Attested photocopy of the previous university degree.

Please note that this degree does not correspond to the Swedish degree "Civilingenjör".

Appendix 1 - Course list
Appendix 2 - Programme syllabus descriptions
## Appendix 1: Course list

Master's Programme, Transport Systems, 120 credits (TTSYM), Programme syllabus for studies starting in autumn 2008

### General courses

#### Year 1

**Mandatory courses (37.5 credits)**

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<td>AH2304</td>
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#### Year 2

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<td>Geographic Information Systems in Transport Analysis</td>
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Appendix 2: Specialisations

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This programme has no specialisations.